

Application No. 10/802,229
Amendment dated October 5, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were previously pending in the application. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1 and 3 have been amended, so that claims 1 and 3-14 are presently pending. Claim 1 is independent.

In the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if re-written to include the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, claim 2 has been canceled, and claim 3 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1. Claims 1 and 3 should, therefore, be in allowable condition. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and, therefore, should also now be allowable.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case for claims 1 and 3-14. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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